

Introduction

The 2004 edition of the *Annual Summary of Vital Statistics* is a summary of data compiled from vital event records for the 2004 calendar year. The content of this report includes summaries of vital events (live births, stillbirths, abortions, deaths, marriages, and marriage dissolutions) documented by certificates and reports filed with the Office of Vital Statistics, Center for Health and Environmental Statistics. Residence data are presented for births, and deaths, while occurrence data are presented for marriages, and marriage dissolutions. Reported abortions include both residence and occurrence events and may be presented in either format. Please note that the 2004 edition of the Annual Summary includes a table on the most popular baby names for Kansas residents.

Events for 2004 were reported on the standard certificates and data collection forms referenced on pages 153-159. This will be the last year that these are used, as data collection instruments changed for 2005.

This document provides its users with an overview of the events contributing to the health status of Kansans. The facts contained in this report are essential for effective health policy decisions and program planning. It is designed to provide governmental agencies, businesses, industries, and citizens with information on vital statistics in Kansas.

Comments concerning the format or content of this report are welcomed. The *Annual Summary of Vital Statistics* is a **summary** of the health data collected by the State of Kansas on vital events. More detailed information is available upon request. The information contained in this report may be obtained electronically by contacting the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Division of Health, Center for Health and Environmental Statistics, Office of Health Care Information (785-296-5644) or e-mail ksommer@kdhe.state.ks.us. The *Annual Summary of Vital Statistics* is also available on the Internet at the KDHE home page on the World Wide Web. The address is: <http://www.kdheks.gov/ches/>. For copies of this report please call (785) 296-8627.

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